

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1259  
By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Matthew Laws, 2006 Co-Valedictorian of Cloudland High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Laws is one such exceptional student who was recently named co-aledictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Cloudland High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Matthew Laws has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Laws has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, participating in numerous school activities and organizations, Matthew Laws is a member of Beta Club, Drama Club, and FCCLA, and he served as the school's Newspaper Editor; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Matthew Laws has received the 100% Award, the Principal's Pride Award, and the Straight A Award in Chemistry II, Economics, Government, English II, Typing, and Drivers Education; he also was the FCCLA Applied Technology District and State Winner, a testament to his intellectual abilities and talents; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Laws's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success, and he plans to attend East Tennessee State University in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Laws epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Laws's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Donnie and Brenda Laws, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Laws's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Cloudland High School Co-Valedictorian, Matthew Laws, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.